

Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, May 13, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO MRS. JACKSON.

Washington, May 13, 1824.

My Dear wife, The senate has passed today the Tariff bill with some amendments and have sent it down to the House of Representatives. so soon as it is passed by that house and returned to the senate and finally disposed of I will leave here for home by the way of Wheeling if I am advised there is certainty of a passage from thence to Louisville, but the last accounts were that the water in the ohio was low. I have written for information to Wheeling, which I will receive in a day or two when I shall write you and give you my rout and the day I will leave here. I am truly anxious to get home, I am wearied with this place, but am rejoiced at the prospect of getting away in a few days. my health is much improved since I wrote you. Mr. Campbell letter recd since yours, advise me you are at Nashville attending the Sacrament, and in good health—both are gratifying to me to hear—aware of the sincere pleasure you experience on those solem occasions. Present me to Mr Campbell and say to him that I regret much that it is out of my power to pass Pittsburgh in my way home—from my protracted stay here I am sure Mrs. Campbell will have left there before I could reach Pittsburgh and if I passed that way I must detour at least a day—and if I tarried there enjoying the hospitality of the people, I would offend others who has pressed me to take other places in My rout—and when I get on the way I shall not permit myself to be detained by any hospitality offerred. Genl Call and Major Eaton and Genl Houston Join in respects to you and our little family. present me affectionately to Capt A. J. Donelson and the Andrews and all friends and believe me your affectionate Husband

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1 The tariff bill finally passed both houses May 19, and was approved on May 22. The session ended May 27.

P. S. I inclose a letter Just recd from Cadet Saml J. Hays, for the information of his relations—give it to Colo Butler with my respects.